

"Approved by the City Council/Redevelopment Agency Board on July 9, 2008"

**CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING**

**WESTMINSTER, CALIFORNIA
June 10, 2008**

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency Board of the City of Westminster, California convened on June 10, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chambers, 8200 Westminster Boulevard, Westminster, California.

6:00 P. M.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Council Member Quach

INVOCATION: Council Member Quach

ROLL CALL: RICE, QUACH, FRY (arrived at 6:08 p.m.), MARSH (arrived at 6:12 p.m.), TA

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

1. PROGRESS OF NEW CITY/CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING

Building Official Soroosh Rahbari reported that the Redevelopment Agency approved a contract with the architectural firm of Dougherty Dougherty to design a new building to replace the current Chamber of Commerce building located at the corner of Beach Boulevard and Hazard Avenue. The Council also appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of three representatives from the Chamber of Commerce and three from City staff, Chair Mayor Rice and Co-Chair Council Member Fry, to guide the design and program of the project.

Mr. Rahbari reported that he has a schematic design which will provide a home for the Chamber of Commerce as well as a multipurpose meeting room for the City. The staff recommends that the Mayor and the Council receive the presentation and provide direction on the design and the budget of the project.

Betsy Dougherty and Jim Fortunese, Dougherty Dougherty Architects, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the schematic design, project schedule, and a cost estimate for the project (handout).

City Manager Ray Silver informed Council Member Marsh that the proposed project meets the existing City development standards.

Ms. Dougherty stated that one of their highest priorities with this small site was to be sure that they could meet the parking standards.

Mayor Rice asked whether or not the turf block areas can support very much weight. City Manager Ray Silver stated that the reason for the turf block is to provide more porous surfaces to get the water that stays on the property to stay

on the property. That has been one of the big issues. Ms. Dougherty added that strong water management is a big issue with LEED.

Council Member Ta questioned the capacity of the meeting room. Ms. Dougherty responded by saying that the capacity is approximately 40-45 people.

Council Member Marsh asked if any of the plants in the landscape plan are indigenous. Ms. Dougherty responded that most are not. She informed the Council that she will ask the landscape architect and will get back to the Council. If there are any alternate recommendations for plant material she will inform Council. Council Member Marsh suggested that Ms. Dougherty inquire with "Amigos de Bolsa Chicas" for more information.

Crystal Wadsworth, Executive Director of the Westminster Chamber of Commerce and Sandy McClure, President of Westminster Chamber of Commerce spoke in support of the project.

Vivian Kilpatrick-Pilger, member of the Chamber of Commerce and Westminster resident, asked if the money for the City/Chamber building would be coming out of IRP. She stated that when the IRP was first projected, \$260,000.00 this was not part of that plan.

City Manager Silver explained that the numbers have been recalculated the last couple of months, and Council Member Marsh has asked us to show to what extent the City is staying committed to the intent of the IRP. Public Works Director Marwan Youssef has been projecting these projects out and Finance Director Espinoza has been working with our redevelopment and financial consultants to do new projections. He will provide Council a public document on the match up of the projects with the revenues.

Barbara Eames, spoke in favor of the project for the non-profits. She represents the interest of the Girl Scouts in Westminster, the Soroptimists which is supportive of our senior efforts, and of any other group that happens to be in need in Westminster.

COUNCIL/AGENCY ADJOURNMENT: At 7:18 p.m.



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